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SUBJ: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATION POLICIES
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA,
JULY 12-21, 1976

REF: STATE 153675

1. PAO, BELL AND POLOFF CALLED ON AUGUSTO PEREZ ANDA,
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGNIZATIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY,
TODAY, JULY 6, TO DISCUSS SAN JOSE UNESCO COMMUNICATIONS
POLICIES CONFERENCE. PEREZ ANDA ASSURED OFFICIERS THAT HE
UNDERSTOOD US POSITIONS AS THEY WERE PORESENTED TO HIM AND THAT
GOE DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE
ANY MOVE WHICH THREATENED FREE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. PEREZ ANDA STATED THAT GOE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY
AN ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO A CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY SINCE
THERE IS NO GOE AMBASSADOR CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN SAN JOSE.
OTHER GOE DELEGATE WILL BE DARIO MOREIRA, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
MOREIRA IS A WRITER AND A SCHOOL TEACHER WHO IS WELL AND
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FAVORABLY KNOWN TO PAO BELL.

3. PEREZ ANDA SURPRISINGLY SAID THAT ECUADOR HAD CHOSEN NOT TO HOST SUBJECT CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF AN INTERNAL SQUABBLE BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND THE HEAD OF SENDIP (THE GOE NATIONAL INFORMATION SECRETARIAT). PEREZ ANDA SAID THAT BOTH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND THE HEAD OF SENDIP WISHED TO PRESIDE OVER THE CONFERENCE AND THE GOE DID NOT WISH TO ACT TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE, THEREFORE THE GOE DECLINED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED THAT THE GOE'S REFUSAL TO HOST THE CONFERENCE HAD RESULTED FROM PRESSURE BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS BROUGHT ON IN TURN BY THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION AND THE INTER-AMERICAN BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION'S OPPOSITION TO THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

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